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REMARKS

Claims 13-17 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,383,671 in view of Benz, *et al.* (US 5,434,016). A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) was filed with Applicants' Response dated March 23, 2004 to overcome this rejection.

The present Response simply adds new claims 29-39, each of which depends from claim 13. Since claim 13 is submitted to be allowable in view of the terminal disclaimer filed on March 23, 2004, new claims 29-39 are submitted to be allowable as well. Consideration and allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

Applicants further note that the Response of March 23, 2004 contained an amendment to the first paragraph of the specification to claim the benefit of provisional application serial No. 60/099,465.

In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/LYNN/0089.A of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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